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FOR PATENT APPLICATION**

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I believe I am an original, first and joint inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled **A NOVEL CHIMERIC PROTEIN FOR PREVENTION AND TREATMENT OF HIV INFECTION**, the specification of which

- ☒ is attached hereto.
- ☐ was filed on \_\_\_\_\_ as United States Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
- ☒ was filed on 16 March 2000 as International Application No. PCT/US00/06946.
- ☐ and was amended on \_\_\_\_\_ (if applicable).
- ☐ with amendments through \_\_\_\_\_ (if applicable).

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

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(Application No.)	(Filing Date)

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